

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

JOSHUA ROY WARD,

Petitioner,

v.

NETHANJAH BREITENBACH, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 3:25-cv-00254-ART-CSD

SCHEDULING ORDER

In this habeas corpus action, the Court appointed counsel for the petitioner, Joshua Roy Ward. (ECF No. 5.) The Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada appeared on Petitioner's behalf on July 2, 2025. (ECF No. 8.) Respondents have also appeared. (ECF No. 7.)

It is therefore ordered that the following schedule will govern further proceedings in this action:

Petitioner must, within 60 days after the entry of this order, pay the \$5 filing fee for this action or file a new application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

If necessary, Petitioner must file an amended petition for writ of habeas corpus within 90 days after entry of this Order. The amended petition must specifically state whether each ground for relief has been exhausted in state court; for each claim that has been exhausted in state court, the amended petition must state how, when, and where that occurred. If Petitioner determines that an amended petition need not be filed, then, within 90 days after entry of this Order, Petitioner must file a notice to that effect.

Respondents will have 60 days following the filing of the amended petition to file an answer or other response to the amended petition. If Petitioner does not file an amended petition, Respondents will have 60 days following the due

1 date for the amended petition to file an answer or other response to the original  
2 petition.

3 Petitioner will have 45 days following the filing of an answer to file a reply.  
4 Respondents will thereafter have 30 days following the filing of a reply to file a  
5 response to the reply.

6 If Respondents file a motion to dismiss, Petitioner will have 60 days  
7 following the filing of the motion to file a response to the motion. Respondents  
8 will thereafter have 30 days following the filing of the response to file a reply.

9 If Petitioner wishes to move for leave to conduct discovery, Petitioner must  
10 file such motion concurrently with, but separate from, the response to  
11 Respondents' motion to dismiss or the reply to Respondents' answer. Any motion  
12 for leave to conduct discovery filed by Petitioner before that time may be  
13 considered premature, and may be denied, without prejudice, on that basis.  
14 Respondents must file a response to any such motion concurrently with, but  
15 separate from, their reply in support of their motion to dismiss or their response  
16 to Petitioner's reply. Thereafter, Petitioner will have 20 days to file a reply in  
17 support of the motion for leave to conduct discovery.

18 If Petitioner wishes to request an evidentiary hearing, Petitioner must file  
19 a motion for an evidentiary hearing concurrently with, but separate from, the  
20 response to Respondents' motion to dismiss or the reply to Respondents' answer.  
21 Any motion for an evidentiary hearing filed by Petitioner before that time may be  
22 considered premature, and may be denied, without prejudice, on that basis. The  
23 motion for an evidentiary hearing must specifically address why an evidentiary  
24 hearing is required and must meet the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 2254(e). The  
25 motion must state whether an evidentiary hearing was held in state court, and,  
26 if so, state where the transcript is located in the record. If Petitioner files a motion  
27 for an evidentiary hearing, Respondents must file a response to that motion  
28 concurrently with, but separate from, their reply in support of their motion to

1 dismiss or their response to Petitioner's reply. Thereafter, Petitioner will have 20  
2 days to file a reply in support of the motion for an evidentiary hearing.

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4 DATED THIS 16th day of July, 2025.

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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